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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1(currently amended). A press felt for papermaking, having a wet paper web contacting surface and a roll contacting surface, said felt comprising a batt, a base body, ~~a batt layer~~, and an anti-rewetting layer, the base body and the anti-rewetting layer both being disposed within the batt and spaced from the wet paper web contacting surface, and the anti-rewetting layer comprising a non-oriented film having openings, said openings having a three-dimensional structure, each opening having a wet paper web side end and a roll side end, each of said ends having an aperture, and the aperture of the wet paper web side end of each said opening being larger than the aperture of the roll side end thereof.

2(original). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 1, wherein each said opening is funnel-shaped and has a tubular portion.

3(original). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 1 wherein said non-oriented film is composed of nylon, and has an elongation at break of at least 300%.

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4(original). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 2 wherein said non-oriented film is composed of nylon, and has an elongation at break of at least 300%.

5(currently amended). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 1, in which said ~~which~~ film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.

6(currently amended). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 2, in which said ~~which~~ film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.

7(currently amended). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 3, in which said ~~which~~ film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.

8(currently amended). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 4, in which said ~~which~~ film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.

9(new). A press felt for papermaking, having a wet paper web contacting surface and a roll contacting surface, said felt comprising a batt, a base body, and an anti-rewetting layer, the base body and the anti-rewetting layer both being disposed within the batt, and the anti-rewetting layer comprising a non-oriented film having a first side

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substantially parallel to, and facing toward, the wet paper web contacting surface, and having a second side, substantially parallel to, and facing toward, the roll contacting surface, the film having openings, each opening being in the form of a tapered, three-dimensional, structure protruding from the second side of the film toward the roll-contacting surface, each opening having a wet paper web side end and a roll side end, each of said ends having an aperture, and the aperture of the wet paper web side end of each said opening being larger than the aperture of the roll side end thereof.

10(new). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 9, wherein each said opening is funnel-shaped and has a tubular portion.

11(new). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 9 wherein said non-oriented film is composed of nylon, and has an elongation at break of at least 300%.

12(new). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 10 wherein said non-oriented film is composed of nylon, and has an elongation at break of at least 300%.

13(new). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 9, in which said film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.

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14(new). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 10, in which said film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.

15(new). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 11, in which said film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.

16(new). A press felt for papermaking as claimed in claim 12, in which said film further has flat openings in addition to said openings having a three-dimensional structure.